

Boston List
CTU 2/18/11

Why Boston Matters

Boston is a great city for lots of reasons, but first and foremost, it is extremely comfortable with itself. It is mature with many stories to tell. There is quite a history, but with some great things to come. A lot of cities aspire to be something different or like somewhere else, but Boston is just fine with the way it is. "Beantown" has great neighborhoods and so many outstanding universities. It feels like a big college town. Bostonians are opinionated and educated, which always makes for lively conversation at the pub, tavern or bookstore. This city is a collection of unique neighborhoods and, as usual, the best way to experience urban life is on foot. Great walks abound. The brownstones in Beacon Hill are timeless, the shops and restaurants on Newbury Street are wonderful, the North End is historic and quirky, the waterfront is fun and exciting, the panoramic skyline view from the Harvard Bridge is outstanding, the South End exemplifies gentrification and renewal, and the parks are some of the best in the country. The "Make Way for Ducklings" statue in the Public Garden is a must see. This was my favorite book as a child and it seemed so exciting that the ducks got to live in the bustling city. The "Big Dig" is complete and it was a huge infrastructure project that caused a mess, but the results were worth it. The Rose Kennedy Greenway is a great example of a new urban linear park and shows how you can take an old dysfunctional elevated highway and turn it into green space that is a public asset and urban jewel. I think Boston is an appealing mix of the old and new, rooted in history but with an eye towards the future. This city is "always learning". And, by the way, two final thoughts - baseball at Fenway and lobster rolls at Neptune Oyster or B & G Oysters. Perfect.

Hotels

Fifteen Beacon (CTU favorite)

15 Beacon Street
(617) 670-1500
xvbeacon.com

Fairmont Copley Plaza

138 St. James Avenue
(617) 267-5300
fairmont.com

Hotel Nine Zero

90 Tremont Street
(617) 772-5800
ninezero.com

Hotels (continued)

Four Seasons

200 Boylston Street

(617) 338-4400

fourseasons.com/boston

Liberty Hotel

215 Charles Street

(617) 224-4000

libertyhotel.com

The Langham

250 Franklin Street

(617) 451-1900

langhamhotels.com

Copley Square Hotel

47 Huntington Avenue

(617) 536-9000

www.copleysquarehotel.com

Restaurants

Mistral (CTU favorite)

223 Columbus Avenue

(617) 867-9300

mistralbistro.com

Neptune Oyster (CTU favorite)

63 Salem Street

(617) 742-3474

neptuneoyster.com

No. 9 Park

9 Park Street

(617) 742-9991

no9park.com

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9 East Street

(617) 654-9900

oyarestaurantboston.com

Restaurants (continued)

Grill 23

161 Berkeley Street
(617) 542-2255
grill23.com

KO Prime

90 Tremont Street
(617) 772-0202
kopriimeboston.com

B & G Oysters

550 Tremont Street
(617) 423-0550
bandgoysters.com

Eastern Standard

528 Commonwealth Avenue
(617) 532-9100
easternstandardboston.com

Towne Stove and Spirits

900 Boylston Street
(617) 247-0400
towneboston.com

Abe & Louie's Steakhouse

793 Boylston Street
(617) 536-6300
abeandlouies.com

Hamersley's Bistro

553 Tremont Street
(617) 423-2700
hamersleysbistro.com

Atlantic Fish

761 Boylston Street
(617) 267-4000
atlanticfishco.com

Island Creek Oyster Bar

500 Commonwealth Avenue
(617) 532-5300
islandcreekoysterbar.com

Restaurants (continued)

Sonsie (lunch)

327 Newbury Street
(617) 351-2500
sonsieboston.com

Stephanie's on Newbury (lunch)

190 Newbury Street
(617) 236-0990
stephaniesonnewbury.com

Joe's American Bar & Grill on Newbury (lunch)

181 Newbury Street
(617) 536-4200
joesamerican.com

Oak Bar at the Fairmont Copley Plaza (drinks)

138 St James Avenue
(617) 267-5300
theoakroom.com

Alibi and Liberty Bar at Liberty Hotel (drinks)

215 Charles Street
(857) 241-1144
alibiboston.com

M Bar at Mandarin Oriental (drinks)

776 Boylston Street
(617) 535-8800
mandarinoriental.com/boston/dining/m_bar

Minibar Lounge at Copley Square Hotel (drinks)

51 Huntington Avenue
(617) 424-8500
minibarboston.com

Mooo at Fifteen Beacon (drinks)

15 Beacon Street
(617) 670-2515
mooorestaurant.com

Mike's Pastry (dessert)

300 Hanover Street
(617) 742-3050
mikespastry.com

Restaurants (continued)

The Fours (sports bar near Boston Garden)

166 Canal Street

(617) 720-4455

thefours.com

The Corner Tavern (pub)

421 Marlborough Street

(617) 262-5555

thecornerboston.com

Post 390 (tavern)

406 Stuart Street

(617) 399-0015

post390restaurant.com

Neighborhoods/Walks

- **Back Bay** – Newbury Street, Boylston Street, Copley Square
- **South End** – Tremont Street
- **Beacon Hill** – Charles Street, side streets with brownstones, Public Garden, Boston Common
- **North End**
- **Faneuil Hall, Rose Kennedy Greenway**
- **Harbor Walk** - www.bostonharborwalk.com
- **Cambridge/Harvard Square**
- **Harvard Bridge/MIT/Stata Center, Charles River Park**
- **Fenway Park, Red Sox Game, Kenmore Square**
- **Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)** – www.icaboston.org